



# Epiphany of the Lord

January 6, 2013

Rev. Tom Winter

Guest Pianist: Dr. Wendy Faughn

Lay Reader  
Jetta Manners

Elder Greeter  
Casper Bell

Ushers  
Trish and Nathan Ballard

## Gathering

First Ringing of the Bell ☞ Music for Meditation

Second Ringing of the Bell ☞ Opening of the Bible

Welcome, Joys, Concerns, and Announcements

### Prelude

J.S. Bach and Franz Gruber

*Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring (with Silent Night)*

arr. by Rose Marie Lehmann

## Call to Worship

One: Kneel before the life of God, wherever it may be found in our time.

**All: Look up to see the leading of the Spirit in its star-shine wonder and then let us bow our heads before the earthy Savior who touches our ground in homely company.**

One: Come in dignity and come in fragile hope. Let us bring in our hands and lives the best that we have to offer.

**All: For we would find you here, Jesus Christ.**

### Prayer of Adoration and The Lord's Prayer

#### †Hymn

*We Three Kings of Orient Are*

Hymnal #66

#### †Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed, traditional Hymnal Page 14

### Litany of Confession

One: Holy God, we come in our humanness before you today. If we have failed to look in the right places for you, choosing more comfortable spaces, or those nearer to home, forgive us and lead us on toward your grace, we pray.

**All: When we become discouraged or distracted by things that happen to us on the way, doubtful that we can stay the course or hurt by events in our lives that stop us believing that you are close by, forgive us and lead us on toward your grace, we pray.**

One: If we keep walking as though there is no resting place, acting as though you are a relentless God who never stops for recreation or play, forgive us and lead us on toward your grace, we pray. Amen.

### Moment for Personal, Silent Confession

#### The Kyrie Eleison

-All are invited to sing- Hymnal # 572  
Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

### Declaration of Forgiveness

#### †The Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

## The Word

### Prayer for Illumination

#### Responsive Reading

adapted from Psalm 72

One: Lord, judge your people in righteousness: give justice to the oppressed.

**All: Let the hills bring us prosperity: the fruits of righteousness.**

One: As long as the sun and moon endure: let rain fall upon the mown fields, let showers water the earth.

**All: Deliver the needy, who cry out for help: the oppressed, who have no one to care for them.**

One: Take pity on the poor and helpless: save them from death.

**All: Rescue them from oppression and violence: precious are their lives in your sight.**

One: Bless the leaders of the people: let the people pray for them and bless them every day.

**All: Let the harvests ripen throughout the land: let corn ripple across the hills.**

One: Let orchards and forests flourish: let fields and pastures be beautiful.

**All: Praise to the Lord our God: praise God's glorious name forever!**

One: Let the earth be filled with God's glory! Amen and Amen!

One: The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

### Time with Young People

#### Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 60:1-6

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*The prophet speaks to God's people in the darkness of exile:*

*"Arise, shine, for your light has come!"*

### Gospel Reading

Matthew 2:1-23

NT Page 2

*Matthew tells the story of the Magi, the threat of King Herod, and the flight into Egypt.*

### Sermon

Just Nine Miles

Rev. Tom Winter

#### †Hymn

*In Bethlehem a Newborn Boy*

Hymnal #35

#### †Prayer of Dedication

#### Offertory

*Jesus Medley*  
arr. by Rose Marie Lehmann

#### †Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below: Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

#### †Sacrament of The Lord's Supper

**Servers:** Gary Brown, Ivan Ratzlaff, Steve Underhill and Hannah Underhill

†Invitation to the Table

†Hymn *Let Us Break Bread Together* Hymnal No. 513

Communion Prayer

Words of Institution and Communion of the People

Prayer After Communion

## Sending

#### †Hymn

*What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright*

Hymnal #68

#### †Charge and Benediction

#### †Hymn

*Song of Hope*

Hymnal # 432

*May the God of hope go with us every day, filling all our lives with love and joy and peace. May the God of justice speed us on our way, bringing light and hope to every land and race. Praying, let us work for peace; singing, share our joy with all; working, for a world that's new; faithful, when we hear Christ's call.*



† Please stand if you are able.

## Welcome to our Visitors

We are happy to have you worship with us and we hope you will return to worship with us again in the near future. Please indicate your attendance by filling out a visitor's card and placing it in the offering plate. If you are interested in learning more about membership in First Presbyterian Church, please speak to one of our pastors or the Elder Greeter after the service.

**Nursery will be provided** for all children 6 years and under.

**Prayer requests** - Yellow folders in the pew racks may be used to request prayer. Please place your request in the offering plate when the offering is received.

**Special Offering** - Today we will receive our monthly JCOC offering.

**Session Meeting** - The Session will meet next Sunday at 12:30 for the Stated meeting; please bring your lunch.

**Congregational Meeting** - The Session has called a congregational meeting to follow worship next Sunday, January 13 for the purpose of electing elders. All church members are urged to attend.

### Prayer List

Please keep the following people in your prayers.

Mary Lois Dempsey  
Bobby Haynes  
Joy Kelly and Family  
Stacy Boozer Mariani  
Ken Mount  
Dan and Millie Neisler  
Lee Pope



### Next Sunday – January 13

*Rev. Tom Winter*

Isaiah 43:1-7; Psalm 29; Acts 8:14-17;  
Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

#### Lay Reader

David Talley

#### Ushers

Cosper Bell and Steve Underhill

### Worship Opportunities for this Week

<b>Today</b>	9:45am	Sunday School
	10:30am	Between the hours fellowship
	11:00am	Worship Service
	5:00pm	Bible Study – Uppity Women of the Bible
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**Rev. Thomas S. Winter, Stated Supply Pastor**  
**Dr. Susie F. Dempsey, Church Organist; Carlton Ward, Treasurer**  
**Mary Furlow, Secretary**

**The Session** Rev. Tom Winter, Moderator

#### Class of 2012

Cosper Bell  
Hannah Underhill  
Steve Underhill  
David Talley

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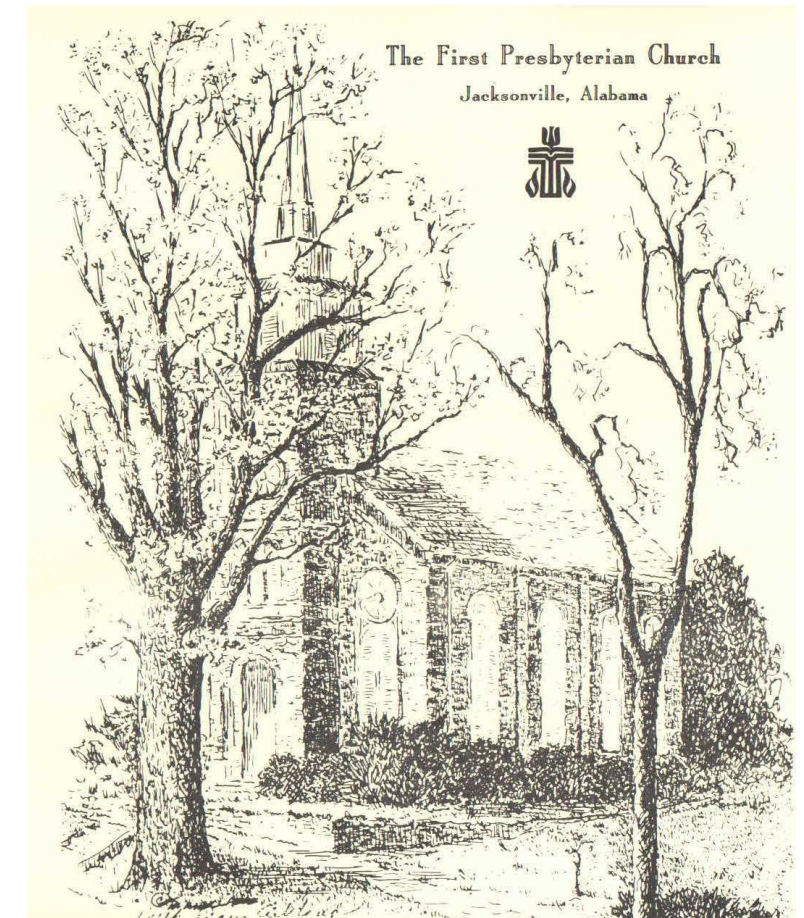
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Church Office Hours

9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Monday - Thursday

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